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Call to Order

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chairperson Cohen at 7:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

- IX, 1 A motion (Koehler/Sims) to approve the minutes of the July 13, 1977 meeting carried.

Chairperson Cohen announced that the appendix of the Executive Committee minutes of July 20, 1977 included the revised report of the recount of votes from the Student Elections Committee for the graduate student senator's seat.

- IX, 2 A motion (Kuhn/Sims) to append this report to the Senate minutes of March 9, 1977 passed on a voice vote.

Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Cohen asked that all senators send their fall addresses and schedules to the Senate office.

The Blue Book of external standing and ad hoc committees was distributed at the meeting, and Mr. Cohen announced that periodically additions to the committees will be sent to senators so that they may keep their copies of the Blue Book current.

Anticipating consideration later in the meeting of the resignation of student senators Mr. Cohen sought the judgment of the Senate in interpreting Senate By Laws in reference to filling vacancies and especially to constituency provisions. The question posed was, can the runner-up for an on-campus Senate seat fill an on-campus vacancy after having moved off-campus? Mr. Cohen interprets By Law provisions IV4d and IV4e to mean that to be seated the student must be from the same constituency as the vacancy at the time of seating, and therefore the answer is, no. Rather than sending the question to the Rules Committee which he felt would needlessly delay the filling of a vacancy, Mr. Cohen asked for an advisory vote of the Senate.

It was decided that if the majority of the Senate felt the Chairperson's interpretation of the By Laws was incorrect, the question would be referred to the Rules Committee. The basis of the Chairperson's interpretation (and

that of the Executive Committee) was the intent of the framers of the By Laws. Mr. Hicklin stated that the idea was not that a senator must be unseated if he moved while in office, but that the time of initial seating (whether following the election or in filling a vacancy) is when the distinction of on- and off-campus constituencies must be made.

Mr. Rutherford indicated student support for the question going to the Rules Committee. He noted that the By Laws had been framed seven years ago. Within that time span, a great deal of change has taken place. Mr. Hicklin said that the By Laws had been revised since the initial creation of them.

Mr. Christiansen stated that he agreed with the interpretation of the Chairperson and the Executive Committee. He felt that there was a need to avoid reading the By Laws as one wanted them to read. He suggested that once the decision was made on the specific case in question, the By Laws could be sent to the Rules Committee for review.

Mr. Hicklin agreed it is conceivable that the By Laws should be changed, but if so they should be changed later and not while dealing with an individual case. Mr. Carlile observed that the By Laws don't really spell out clearly the answer to the question, but the Chairperson's interpretation seems to be within the intent and spirit of the By Laws.

Mr. March argued that the By Laws refer us to the Constitution and Election Procedures for a definition of constituency and these define students in general as a constituency. Mr. Hayes observed that not only do Student Senators move but also members of the student constituency move on and off campus. He suggested the notion of constituency is for election only not seating because of this tendency for the constituency to shift and change. Mr. Sims suggested referring the question to the Rules Committee. Mr. Rice concurred feeling that a just rather than an expedient decision would result.

IX, 3 A roll call vote was taken on the question of whether or not to concur in the Chairperson's interpretation of the By Laws. The Senate concurred by a vote of 27 to 14 with one abstention.

Administrators' Remarks

President Watkins had no remarks.

Provost Horner announced that the Board of Regents has approved the new and expanded programs (NEPR) budget request of the University and the request has been passed on to the Board of Higher Education. The Budget Team is currently discussing procedure for the formulation of the FY79 budget. After consultation with community colleges and the BHE, the University is exploring the feasibility of developing a Bachelor's program in Nursing. More information on this will be forthcoming in the next Academic Plan.

President Watkins was requested to inform the Senate of the change in the Budget Team. He stated that two additions have been made to the committee membership: Art White, Dean of the Graduate School, and Charles Morris, the Secretary of the University.

Student Body President's Remarks

Mr. Rutherford welcomed all of the senators who were unable to attend the meetings during the summer months. He announced that the Student Association Book Exchange was completed last week and that the Illinois State Students for the Physically Handicapped now are located in the SA building. All volunteers who would like to help with the program are asked to report to the Student Association.

Mr. Rutherford also asked for any comments or suggestions about the Rites of Spring which was cancelled early this summer.

Mr. Smith requested clarification from the Chairperson about the Executive Committee minutes of July 20, 1977 which discussed the University Advisory Committee meetings being open or closed. Mr. Cohen responded that these meetings are still actually going to be closed, according to investigation by University Counsel, Joe Goleash.

Resignation of Senators

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Mr. Cohen announced the resignations of Cassie Kilroy and John Haneberg. Kathy Einan's seat was vacated due to the fact that she is not registered for the fall semester. A motion (Emerson/Kuhn) to accept Kilroy and Haneberg's resignations with regrets and to declare a vacancy in Einan's seat was approved.

Mr. Rutherford emphasized the fact that two of the students transferred to different universities, and the others were unable to return to school this semester. They did not resign due to a lack of interest.

The replacements for the Senate seats were announced as follows: Arthur Cooper (President of Black Student Union) in Ms. Kilroy's graduate student seat; Ken Hanrath for John Haneberg; and Marjorie Butz for Kathy Einan.

Mr. Goldstein inquired when Ms. Cattell's seat would be filled, and Mr. Cohen replied he thought the College of Business would shortly be holding an election.

Election of Student Member to the Executive Committee

Russell March was elected to the Executive Committee on the nominating ballot. Mr. Law will move to the Budget Committee.

Election of Panel of 10

The Panel of 10 was explained by Mr. Cohen as being the panel from which the chairpeople of the search committees for major administrative positions are selected. He also explained that the departments provided the nominations. Ten members were elected by ballot to the Panel. (See Appendix 1.)

CLEP Credit in Mathematics

Mr. Ritt, member of the Academic Affairs Committee, according to the unanimous

- IX, 5 recommendation of the Committee, moved that the CLEP Exam be declared unacceptable for credit in Mathematics. (Mr. Moonan second the motion.)

Discussion centered on whether or not the CLEP credit would be declared unacceptable for both University Studies and University electives credit. Mr. Ritt stated that the original request of the Mathematics Department was that it be considered for deletion only in reference to University Studies credit.

Mr. Emerson asked if the CLEP Exam could be revised and then reinstated in the Math Department. Dr. Otto, Chairperson of the Mathematics Department, felt it was a possibility.

- IX, 6 A motion (Goldstein/Jesse) to amend the previous motion to include deletion of CLEP credit in Math for both University Studies and University electives credit was made.

Mr. Christiansen asked if the Math Department offered Math classes that cover the material on the CLEP test. Dr. Otto stated that some classes actually do duplicate the content of the exam. The concern of the Math Department is that the student would be receiving double credit for high school and college knowledge of mathematics. Mr. Ritt added that the Math Department accommodates those who do not have adequate training in high school by reinforcing high school-level work. Dr. Otto stated that those students who have weak backgrounds in college-level math are able to receive help.

President Watkins asked if there is proficiency testing available for University Studies Math courses. Dr. Otto stated that there is.

Mr. Emerson noted that the research done on the CLEP Exam in Mathematics was done on the 1972 version of the test and asked if that is the latest version of the exam. Dr. Otto replied that it is and that the 1972 version is the one the University is currently using for the Math Department.

Mr. Cohen called for a vote on the amendment to the motion. The amendment passed on a vote of 24 to 12.

Mr. Cohen called for discussion on the main motion as amended.

Mr. Carlile stated that his objection to the amendment was that he had known particular people who have taken a considerable amount of Math and got credit for high school knowledge.

Mr. Quane argued in favor of the Math CLEP Exam because of its attraction to incoming high quality students. Dr. Otto responded that a school such as U of I which recruits a great number of high quality students does not offer the CLEP Exam in Mathematics.

Mr. Goldstein stated that he agreed with the Math Department's judgment of the CLEP Exam because 69% of the material on the test is 10th grade and under. He can not see a University giving credit for high school knowledge.

The main motion as amended passed on a vote of 32 to 7.

It was announced that the change will be effective in the new Catalog.

Committee Appointments

- IX, 7 A motion (Christiansen/Hicklin) to approve new committee appointments was approved. (See Appendix 2.) Mr. Cohen requested that the senators add these new names to their Blue Books.

Disestablishment of Academic Programs

Mr. Moonan, liaison member of the Academic Affairs Committee, noted some changes in the document that had been distributed among the senators. On Page 1, Section II, in the second line, the word "visibility" should read "viability"; on Page 2, Section IV B, the second line should read "the Investigation Committee shall request the administrative officer responsible. . ."

This policy statement would replace that of March 2, 1972. This policy statement is jointly introduced by the University Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council. It has the tentative approval of Deans White and Rives and Provost Horner.

Ms. Kuhn asked if it might be appropriate to consider including the College Curriculum Committee in the disestablishment of a program, in reference to Page 1, Section II A, or Page 2, Section IV C. Mr. Cohen stated that he felt that the College Curriculum Committee is included in Section II A.

Mr. Smith asked who could request the investigation to prepare a disestablishment proposal. Mr. Miller replied that the units included in the disestablishment procedure are departments, centers, colleges, programs, or offices. Mr. Smith asked if an area within a department could make an appeal. Mr. Miller stated that the request can come from any member within the academic community. Ms. McMahan asked whether or not it is the Senate which makes the final decision to disestablish. Mr. Cohen replied it is the Senate.

Mr. Goldstein asked if "maintaining viability" in II might be construed to mean increasing support. Mr. Moonan replied, no, "maintaining viability" means maintaining the present level of support.

Mr. Smith asked if there was any discussion of financial exigency and viability in the document. Mr. Miller responded that the committee was against having that take place.

Revised Ethics and Grievance Policies and Procedures

Mr. Quane introduced the proposal. He explained the policies and procedures were developed by an ad hoc committee formed in July of 1976. The ad hoc committee forwarded its recommendation to the Faculty Affairs Committee which now requests the input of the Senate as a whole before making a final recommendation. The Faculty Affairs Committee asked Thomas Eimmerman, Chairperson of the AAUP's Faculty Status Committee, and Robert Hathway, Chairperson of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee to comment on the policies and procedures document before the Senate.

Mr. Eimmerman spoke first. He explained that the AAUP's Faculty Status Com-

mittee as a whole had not considered this specific document and that, therefore, his comments should be considered as his own interpretation of how the committee might react to the document. In general he stated that the combining of ethics and grievance policies and procedures and due process be maintained under the revised policies and procedures document.

On the general policies and procedures, p. 6, item 6: Mr. Eimmerman felt there is a need to clarify that witnesses be required to testify if they have pertinent information. It is possible to make this responsibility a part of one's contractual responsibility or to make it an unethical act not to testify.

Mr. Eimmerman also criticized the Code of Ethics itself, arguing that its vagueness makes it difficult to point to a specific act which is clearly unethical under the Code. He suggested the Code be divided as the American Bar Association does into canons (general statements) and specific restrictions or proscriptions (which the ABA call disciplinary rules). Mr. Cohen averred that the ad hoc committee was instructed to confine itself to review of procedure and not the Code itself.

Mr. Eimmerman concluded with the suggestion that the Senate should consider a mechanism for getting advisory opinions.

Mr. Hathway suggested that membership of the Committee (p. 3, A) exclude members of the AFT and DFSCs. He argued that the weakness of two committees, an investigating committee and a hearing committee, would be that the first committee would not get full information. He suggested that the Committee be requested by the Senate to recommend changes in the Ethics document itself.

Ms. Kuhn asked if the reference to an advisor in the document meant a lawyer. She asked if hiring a lawyer would be necessary for the faculty member in an ethics case. Mr. Quane stressed that the Ethics Procedures were not legal procedures. Only if one were to follow strict rules of evidence would a lawyer need to be present. He stated that an advisor could be anyone the defendant chose. Ms. Kuhn felt that clarification would be necessary in the final document.

Provost Horner stated that merging is good but under Title IX the University is required to have a grievance procedure. Mr. Quane stated that the committee avoided including it in the document. Mr. Ritt felt there was a problem in a University hearing that the committee serves both as the jury and the judge.

Mr. Wilson asked if the Faculty Affairs Committee wants to rush the document through the Senate, or if the senators could take some time to think about the different points of the document. Mr. Quane responded that the committee will do as they see the need.

Mr. Quane requested the input of the Senate on the listing of the nine examples of ethics violations which are in the document itself. Ms. Kuhn mentioned threatening phone calls as a possible violation to list. Ms. Cook stated that these circumstances might be those of a person offended but who doesn't want to be bothered by going to court; they are provided with a second source of appeal.

Ms. McMahan stated that she felt there was one unnecessary step in the procedures, when the Senate faculty members reviewed the information on the ethics cases. She could not recall ever having done this as a member of the Senate, due to the confidentiality of the cases. Mr. Quane stated that as in the past, elected faculty members should review cases. Mr. Hicklin observed that earlier faculty members of the Senate had access to documents and transcripts.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Mr. Moonan stated that a meeting would be held prior to the next Senate meeting.

Administrative Affairs: Mr. Goldstein called a meeting following the Senate meeting.

Budget Committee: Ms. Cook called a meeting following the Senate meeting.

Executive Committee: Mr. Cohen stated that his office hours will be approximately from 1:00 to 2:00 on Monday through Friday. He stated that the Executive Committee was asked to name someone for the Search Committee for the Executive Officer and that Jan Cook was named for that position.

Mr. Christiansen announced that committee chairpersons may pick up class schedules of the student senators in the Senate Office. On August 24, 1977 a new procedure was begun in reference to advance copies of agendas being sent to the various departments.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7 in Hovey 308 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Christiansen stated that his office hours are 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 11:00-2:00 Monday through Friday.

Mr. Christiansen expanded on the article that was featured in the August 31 Vidette. The article itself was correct, but he objected to the headline which used the word "caucus." He emphasized that the student senators were meeting so that they would be better informed of the issues that will be discussed at the Senate meetings. The meetings will be held on the Monday nights at 9 p.m. preceding the Wednesday night Senate meetings.

Faculty Affairs: Mr. Quane requested that the members of his committee return their schedules to the Senate office. He asked that all senators attempt to get reactions on the FSC documents. Only five departments have sent in their responses.

Rules Committee: Ms. Upton stated that there will be a meeting on September 14 at 6:30 p.m. She asked that the committee members turn in their schedules to her or the Senate Office.

Mr. Rice spoke to the meeting on the Elections Procedures. He stated that they will be coming before the Senate in two or three weeks. Ms. Upton mentioned that the committee is planning a possible hearing and asked that the senators inform interested persons when they have finally decided on a definite date.

Student Affairs: Mr. Rutherford informed the Senate of the Student Affairs meeting on September 13 at 6:00 in DeGarmo 551.

Mr. Cohen read a letter from Dave VanDeVoort, former senator, notifying the Senate of a change of address.

Mr. Rutherford notified the Senate of the conflict of the September 14 meeting with the BOR meeting the next night.

Adjournment

IX, 8 A motion (Rice/Quane) to adjourn was approved at 8:00.

For the Academic Senate,

Ira Cohen, Chairperson
John K. Boaz, Secretary

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APPENDIX 1

Panel of 10

Joan E. Beilfeldt - Accounting
Eric Bickley - Theatre
Benton K. Bristol - Agriculture
Donald H. Ericksen - English
Frederick V. Mills - Art
Vernon C. Pohlmann - Sociology/Anthropology
Calvin L. Pritner - Theatre
James L. Roderick - Music
Kathryn W. Smith - Home Economics
Robert Young - Physics

APPENDIX 2

Committee Appointments

Kenneth Leicht (Psychology), Council on University Studies, 1 yr.
Elizabeth Gruber (Allied Health), Entertainment Committee, 1 yr.
Becky Smith (HPERD), Alternate, Entertainment Committee, 1 yr.
Glenn Grever (English), University Curriculum Committee, 1 yr.
Ivo Greif, (C & I), Economic Well Being Committee, 2 yrs.
Jim Roderick (Music), University Union/Auditorium Board, 2 yrs.
Robert Conyne (C & I), Alternate, University Union/Auditorium Board